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## British Families Evacuate Lahore

New Delhi, Mar. 7. British families are being evacuated today from still burning Lahore, where war-equipped soldiers stood off battling Sikhs, Hindus and Moslems after winning a five-hour gun battle in which there were "many casualties," according to an eye-witness who escaped from the city plane on Thursday night.

The eye-witness was rushed out of the smouldering city in an armoured car through deserted streets. Entry into the city and exit from it were blocked by turbaned troops, a young woman Sikh journalist said.

In burning Lahore, she said, she crouched behind barred windows while police brought machine-guns into the room and blasted a band of country Sikhs trying to break through.

The Sikhs, armed with rifles, swords, clubs and plenty of ammunition, put up a five-hour battle, she said, before machine-guns went to the aid of the police, who were armed with only rifles.

The Sikh band apparently was trying to enter Lahore to aid their co-religionists in the fight against the Moslems, which by that time had spread all over the city.

Home-Arsenals. Quiet families turned their homes into arsenals to beat off attacks they feared would materialize. Her own house was located in the well-to-do professional district. She and her neighbours amassed stocks of bricks, clubs, souvenir rifles, swords, pistols and what ammunition they could scrape up. Even women and children were armed.

Hindu, Sikh and Moslem families all tried to enlist the aid of the over-worked battling police and military and sought to evacuate their women and children.

The food situation, already bad, deteriorated further when a rumour that what food remained had been poisoned spread like wildfire through the city's 630,000 people.

Evacuation of British families to the sanctuary of Government House and from Lahore to other safer cities has begun, she said.—United Press.

## U.S. Ship Seizure "A Piracy"

Batavia, Mar. 6. An appeal to the Governments of the United States and "of all peace-loving nations" to protect the United States ship "Martin Behrman," her master and crew, against "illegal seizure by the Netherlands Government" was made today by James Ryan, director of the Isbrandtsen Line, the ship's New York owners.

The "Martin Behrman," of 7,170 tons, was brought from Cheribon to Batavia on Sunday by a Dutch destroyer and her cargo of over 5,000 tons, mostly rubber, was confiscated. Mr. Ryan, who said he made his appeal through the American Consul General at Batavia and through the press, called the Dutch destroyer a "pirate" alleging that she escorted the "Martin Behrman" outside the three-mile limit.

Meanwhile, a Netherlands Foreign Office spokesman in The Hague said there was "no form of violence whatsoever" was used in transferring the "Martin Behrman."

A "Danger" The Netherlands Navy had ordered the vessel to leave, but the ship's presence was maintained in the port to protect the cargo of rubber.

## LONDON HARD HIT BY FOOD SHORTAGE

Meat Situation Normal, Milk Ration Cut, Vegetables Disappearing

### "Blimey, It's Worse Than War!"

London, Mar. 7. A food shortage struck London today as winter-battered Britons struggled to free ice-encrusted cities from the slush and snow which has tied South England's communications into the worst transportation knot since 1890.

A ration of meat and most canned goods for the weekend was announced by the Food Ministry. But vegetables and the rationed food Englishmen count on to eke out their scanty allowances disappeared swiftly as housewives struggled to "stock up."

"Blimey, it's worse than war," a housewife muttered as she queued up to buy from dwindling stocks of produce.

Most stores rationed goods to customers unofficially. At one of London's largest department stores prices zoomed and many vegetables bins were empty. Cabbage cost 10d, a pound, Brussels sprouts were 1s. and hard to find. Potatoes, always a British standby, had all but disappeared.

Large stores held each customer to seven pounds and small ones allowed buyers two pounds each. But many had none.

The American "winnie," (sausage) taken off the points a week ago because the Food Ministry said "there is a surplus and not much demand," was hard to find at over 1s. per pound. Dealers sold them from under the counter to only their registered customers.

Milk Cut. Grocers reported that housewives were frantically buying canned and dried milk after a 50 per cent cut in fresh milk deliveries was announced yesterday. Stew was reported popular but dried eggs still did not sell well.

A shipment of Italian cauliflower and lemons arrived just in time to help alleviate the green grocery shortage. Cauliflower was sold at 1s. per pound.

A shipment of 2,700 cases of pineapples reached Plymouth from Chile but grocers at the port had no potatoes at all. The meat situation was normal for the weekend.

Thousands of tons of sugar beets, are feared lost by the worst prolonged freeze. One of the worst features of the situation is that snow still covers the land and spring cannot get underway. One of the worst freezes in the long spell was reported last night from all over England.

Sunny Skies. Today, the skies were sunny in most places and Air Ministry weather experts were abandoning their three-day predictions of general thaw, and said they thought there would be a temporary rise generally but another freeze is due tonight.

No more general snow is forecast.—United Press.

### THE WEATHER

The anticyclone remains strong over the North Sea, but has decreased in intensity over the British Isles. The weather is generally fine with light winds. The temperature is rising and the sun is shining. The sea is calm.

Forecast for the next 24 hours: Fine, with light winds and a rise in temperature. The sun will be out for most of the day.

Forecast for the next 48 hours: Fine, with light winds and a rise in temperature. The sun will be out for most of the day.

Forecast for the next 72 hours: Fine, with light winds and a rise in temperature. The sun will be out for most of the day.

Forecast for the next 96 hours: Fine, with light winds and a rise in temperature. The sun will be out for most of the day.

Forecast for the next 120 hours: Fine, with light winds and a rise in temperature. The sun will be out for most of the day.

### SOVIETS TO INSPECT LORDS

London, Mar. 6. The Lord Chancellor, Lord Jowitt, announced in the House of Lords today that a delegation of the Deputies of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR is expected to arrive in England next Tuesday in response to an invitation extended by both Houses of Parliament.

The programme includes a reception for members of both Houses at which the Speaker of the House of Commons and the Lord Chancellor will receive the delegation.—Reuter.

## CAR DIVES OFF BOWEN ROAD

Mr. A. David, the well-known tailor, was severely injured when a car he was driving plunged off Bowen Road a distance of some 20 feet into a nullah near the junction of Magazine Gap Road about 2.30 a.m. on Thursday.

He suffered a fractured spine, but is reported to be out of danger.

The car landed upside-down in the V-shaped nullah and Mr. David, who had no one else in the car with him, crawled out and made his way up the embankment to the Royal Naval Mess in the vicinity where medical aid was summoned. He was later admitted to the Canossa Hospital.

## Cure Named After Girl Patient

Chicago, Mar. 6. A new and potent germ killer named in honour of the seven-year-old girl whose broken leg led to its discovery is announced in the current issue of the American Medical Association Journal.

So effective is the new weapon against infection that of 100 patients treated with it, 62 were saved from surgery. The "new agent" is called "Bactracin" and was developed from a germ found in an infected wound of Margaret Tracy, who suffered a compound leg fracture.

The discoverers are Doctor Frank L. Meloney and Mrs. Edith Johnson, of Columbia University College of Medicine in New York's Presbyterian Hospital. Their announcement comes after four years' research.

Infected finger bolts, carbuncles, sties, ulcers and abscesses are among the infections aided by Bactracin. In many cases its use obviated surgery and in others it application speeded recovery after surgery. In some cases the results were so speedy as to surprise both patient and doctor.—Reuter.

Concussion. Mar. 7. Australia is strengthening her security services against the possibility of a Communist "take-over" of the country.

## Winston To Censure Government

London, Mar. 7. Mr. Churchill, leader of the Opposition, will move his long-threatened censure of the Government next Wednesday in the form of a severe amendment to the Government's motion on its economic White Paper.

The three-day debate on the White Paper will end on Wednesday.

The actual terms of the Conservative amendment have not yet been fixed by Mr. Churchill and other Conservative leaders.

The Government's motion says that the House of Commons "welcomes the laying before Parliament of a survey of the nation's requirements and resources for the year 1947, is concerned at the seriousness of the situation disclosed and will support the Government in all practicable measures taken in cooperation with all sections of the people of the country to overcome the difficulties and to make secure the foundations of our industry, so as to provide a high standard of living for our people."

It is expected that the Government will be criticised by some of its own supporters.—Reuter.

### TOO HARSH

Panama, Mar. 7. The Foreign Ministry announced today that Panama declined to adhere to the Havana peace treaty, recently signed in Paris, because the Government considers the terms too harsh. A communiqué said Panama had supported Argentine and Uruguayan movements for "honourable peace terms for Italy. Panama did not participate in the Havana conference.—Associated Press.

## Big Drug Haul In Palestine

Cairo, Mar. 7. The resources of the Palestine and Egyptian police forces, the Central Narcotic Intelligence Bureau and the British Military Police have been fully mobilised to smash the big drug ring discovered by accident yesterday when £45,000 worth of opium and hashish was captured in a British army lorry at Gaza, Palestine.

The ring is believed to be one of the biggest smuggling organisations in the Middle East.

So far, only one British army sergeant, one private and one ATS girl have been arrested. No British civilians have been detained. The sergeant and private were in the truck at Gaza at the time of the discovery which led to the discovery of its narcotic cargo. The ATS girl was arrested later in Jerusalem.

No arrests have been made in Egypt so far, but the authorities expect "important developments" within the next few days.

It is believed that the ring extends into Syria and Lebanon and possibly Turkey, as well as Egypt and Palestine.—Reuter.

## Sharp U.S. Protest To Soviet

Washington, Mar. 7. The United States today charged Soviet Russia with having caused a political crisis by "unjustified interference in Hungarian internal affairs." A sharp note, delivered to the Russian, British and Hungarian Governments and to the Soviet military commander in Budapest said that the Soviet High Command, by direct intervention, has brought political difficulties in Hungary to a crisis.

An official summary of the note handed to Moscow as Secretary of State Marshall travelled towards the Soviet capital said the United States Government deems it unwarranted that charges have been "flung against the parliamentarian deputy, Bela Kovacs, who was arrested last week by Russian soldiers."

Kovacs until recently was Secretary-General of the Small-Holders Party, the moderate party group in the Hungarian parliament, which the Communists and other parties have tried to oust.

The State Department note said: "The pattern of recent political developments in Hungary seems to threaten the right of the people to live under a Government of their own free choosing, for it involves foreign interference in the domestic affairs of Hungary." In support of the repeated aggressive attempts made by Hungarian military elements to coerce the popularly elected majority.—Associated Press.

Britain Ponders. London, Mar. 6. A Foreign Office spokesman said today that Britain was considering whether or not to join the United States in protesting against alleged Soviet interference in Hungary's Government.

The spokesman said that numbers of reports had been received in Whitehall confirming press dispatches that Russia was intervening in Hungary's internal affairs specifically through the arrest of Bela Kovacs.

Britain has received a copy of Secretary of State Gen. George Marshall's protest note to Russia.—United Press.

## MISS TRUMAN TO SING

Washington, Mar. 6. The White House today announced that the President's daughter, Miss Margaret Truman, who has operatic aspirations, would make her radio debut as a singer on Sunday evening over a national network. The programme will originate in Detroit.

President Truman will be on a trip to the Caribbean at that time to observe Atlantic fleet manoeuvres but is expected to hear his daughter's programme.—United Press.

## Russian Loan To Poland

Moscow, Mar. 6. Under the Soviet-Polish trade agreement signed yesterday and published today Russia will lend Poland \$28,855,000 in gold.

Other points in the agreement, negotiated during the visit of the Polish Premier just ended, were:

1. The settlement of mutual financial obligations existing on January 1, 1947;

2. A reduction by half of the coal shipments from Poland to Russia under the 1945 agreement.

3. The return to Poland of military equipment captured by the Russians during the war;

4. Scientific and technical cooperation in industrial production and the handing over to Poland of certain armaments and military material on a credit basis;

5. The conversion of Cracow, Katowice-Przemysl railway to European gauge before November 1 this year; and

6. The delivery to Poland of part of the German mercantile fleet to which Poland's claim is acknowledged.—Reuter.

## VICHY STOOGE TO DIE

Paris, Mar. 6. Bernard de Hérion, 61-year-old former Vichy "Ambassador" in German-occupied France, was today sentenced to death for collaboration.—Reuter.

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## Contempt Of Court Charge Upheld

Washington, Mar. 7. The United States Supreme Court ruled seven to two today that John L. Lewis and the United Mine Workers were guilty of contempt for flouting a Federal District Court order to halt the November soft coal strike.

The decision was a smashing victory for President Truman's "fight to the finish" against Lewis and the Union for breaking off their contract to mine coal for the Government. The court upheld the \$10,000 fine against Lewis but reduced the fine against the union from \$3,500,000 to \$700,000.

Chief Justice Vinson used strong language in speaking of Lewis' stand that he could withdraw the contract with the Government for mining by the union members and ignore the court order telling him not to do that until the court could rule on the legal issues.

Vinson called Lewis' attitude toward the District Court order "a studied and deliberate non-compliance" and said "a majority (of the Supreme Court) feels that the course taken by the union carried with it such a serious threat to orderly constitutional government and to the economic and social welfare of the nation that a fine of a substantial size is required in order to emphasize the gravity of the offense of which the union was found guilty."

Lewis did not comment. The Lewis case, however, is not yet out of the courts.

Federal Judge T. Alan Goldsborough, whose contempt sentence against Lewis was upheld by the Supreme Court, still must hold his son, his main legal adviser, Lewis' lawyer, in contempt for flouting the union's wage contract with the Government.

An attorney, Goldsborough's court said, the usual next step would be to demand that the union's wage contract be enforced.

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## OBJECTION TO AN AMENDED CHARGE OVER-RULED

### CABLE TO RESCUE OF W/T

A breakdown of wireless communication between the U.K. and Far East due to unusually severe weather conditions in U.K. on Thursday caused heavy delay to telegraph traffic with Shanghai.

The cable system came to the rescue of traffic between U.K. and Hong Kong which suffered comparatively little delay.

The cause of the wireless breakdown was the formation of ice on masts and aerials at Cable & Wireless station at Dorchester and Somerton which brought many aerials and some masts to the ground.

Cylinders of ice two and sometimes three inches in diameter formed on aerials.

Dorchester and Somerton are one of two pairs of wireless stations which together handle the whole of the incoming and outgoing wireless telegraph traffic of the U.K. and maintain the Far Eastern circuits.

Dorchester is the transmitting station and Somerton the receiving station.

### 10 Years For Armed Robbery

The trial of five Chinese on charges of armed robbery and possession of arms was concluded before Mr. Justice E. H. Williams, Paines Judge, at the Criminal Sessions yesterday when four were found guilty and sentenced, while one was remanded until the next sessions as the jury could not agree.

Tse Loi Leung Chui and Leung Shui-ching, who were found guilty on two armed robbery charges, were, together with the sixth man, Chan Sum, who pleaded guilty to both charges, each sentenced to 10 years' hard labour and 20 strokes of the cane. Tse Loi and Leung Chui were ordered to serve concurrent prison terms of three years each for possession of arms.

Tang Chong-ming was sentenced to seven years and 10 strokes when found guilty on one charge of armed robbery charge, while Lam Yik-lai was remanded until the next sessions.

Both robberies were perpetrated in the Ping Shan District on Nov. 10 and 11, respectively.

### Air Marshal Due Monday

Air Marshal Sir Roderic M. Hill, K.C.B., M.C., A.F.C., Air Member for Technical Services, the newly constituted post on the Air Council, who on a tour of the Far East, will arrive at Kai Tak on Monday on board an R.A.F. Mitchell aircraft flown by a crew of Air Ministry Staff officers.

The purpose of his visit, which will be of three days' duration, is to discuss proposed changes in the technical organisation of Air Command, Far East.

Four senior R.A.F. officers, members of his staff, will arrive at the same time by a scheduled service aircraft.

### PEAK TRAM BREAKS DOWN

For the second time within a week passengers on the Peak Tram were obliged to get out and walk when the vehicle stopped between stations owing to a mechanical defect last evening. The 5 o'clock tram broke down when the up-car was on the steep gradient above May Road. A previous breakdown occurred last Sunday.

A fine of \$1,000 or six months' imprisonment was imposed by Mr. F. X. O'Connell at Central yesterday on Kwong Yung, who pleaded guilty to a charge of carrying an opium pipe. Kwong Yung, a Chinese, was arrested on March 1st at the Central Police Station.

An objection by Mr. C. E. Loseby to an amended charge being brought by the Crown in the case of Lo Tse-leung, solicitor's clerk, who is charged with obtaining \$5,000 from a goldsmith by false pretences on or about Jan. 28, was over-ruled by Mr. E. H. Sainsbury at the Central Magistracy yesterday.

Mr. Loseby submitted that it would be wrong and unjust to allow the prosecution to proceed on the amended charge, but Mr. Sainsbury said that he had no power to hear objections and must proceed with the case. A note of Mr. Loseby's objection was, however, placed on record.

Mr. F. W. Shaftain, Senior Superintendent of Police, appeared for the Crown. Mr. C. E. Loseby, instructed by Mr. P. L. Lam, is appearing for the defence.

Mr. Loseby applied for a postponement, but after some consideration it was agreed that a witness for the prosecution be called in order to save time and that Mr. Loseby be granted the right to cross-examine witness at the next hearing.

Wu Hon Tai, who was then called, said that he was employed as a canvasser by the Sam Yick Bank, Mercer Street.

Wu said that on his return from Macao, he received certain information from his brother-in-law. On Jan. 20, he went with his brother-in-law to the office of Mr. C. A. S. Russ, where he saw defendant, and his brother-in-law, Wu said that he went to the Import and Export Department. At this place, defendant told him, Wu, that it was not necessary for him to go in.

On Jan. 27, Wu said he met defendant at the Canadian Cafe with his brother-in-law by appointment.

### No Bargaining

Defendant said that he had a friend named Leung, who was working in the Import and Export Department, who could help Wu's brother-in-law get back the gold coins on payment of \$8,000, without the case being brought into Court. Defendant said that \$3,000 had to be paid to Leung, \$1,000 to Mr. Brown and \$1,500 to Leung. Defendant also said that he was not getting a single cent himself.

Wu said that he pointed out that \$1,000 had already been expended by way of solicitor's fees and enquired why so much more money had to be spent. Wu said that when his brother-in-law did not agree to pay the amount asked, defendant said that he, Wu's brother-in-law, would have to decide that very day, otherwise the case would be brought to Court the following day.

Some bargaining went on, with Wu's brother-in-law only agreeing to pay \$3,000. Defendant said: "Do you think I am going to bargain with you; besides, Europeans do not bargain."

Eventually, \$5,000 was agreed upon and defendant stipulated that half of this amount be paid in advance. Wu said that his brother-in-law would not agree to make this payment, as he was afraid that defendant then said: "If you do not pay any money, the Europeans will not trust you."

Wu said that his brother-in-law finally paid \$1,000 in advance, for which sum a receipt was given by defendant, who suggested another appointment at the Tai Ping Cafe at 9 o'clock that same evening.

### Gold Obtained

At this meeting, defendant informed Wu and his brother-in-law that Leung had agreed to accept \$5,000. Defendant also said that the gold would be returned and the case dismissed. Before leaving, defendant made another appointment with Wu and his brother-in-law to meet at the solicitor's office on Jan. 28.

On calling at the time appointed, Wu said that defendant, who by a solicitor, defendant, he and his brother-in-law went to the Import and Export Department. After visiting this place, they proceeded to the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation in Kowloon, where the gold was obtained.

On returning to Hong Kong, Wu said that he and his brother-in-law went with defendant to the Canadian Cafe, where defendant asked for 12 gold coins as security for the balance of \$4,000. The necessary coins were handed over.

Wu said that in the afternoon of the same day, he and his brother-in-law saw defendant and handed him the sum of \$4,000 together with the receipt for \$1,000. In return, they received back the 12 gold coins.

Wu said that in consequence of his having been told by a friend that the Superintendent of the Import and Export Department would not be so easily influenced and that his brother-in-law had been told that the Superintendent would not be so easily influenced, he and his brother-in-law met defendant at the Canadian Cafe and asked for the return of the \$5,000. Defendant said that the matter had been handled through Mr. Leung, upon which Wu said that he suggested Leung be approached for the money.

Defendant promised to use Leung and went out for about 15 minutes. When he returned, defendant said that the money had been obtained and that Leung was waiting for them at the Canadian Cafe.

of this interview, he saw Lo and told him that the Superintendent had said that there was no person named Leung in the Import and Export Department. In reply, defendant said that Leung was not employed by the Import and Export Department, but belonged to the Military and Political Bureau, Canton, to which place he had since returned.

On his asking for the return of the \$5,000, Wu said that he was accused of causing trouble by defendant, who added that he had influence in Hong Kong. Wu said that he also asked defendant to go and see the Superintendent, Imports and Exports Department. He promised to do so the next day.

Wu could not say if defendant went as promised or not.

Wu said that he saw defendant in the office of Mr. Shaftain at Oriental Building on Feb. 7.

After further evidence had been given, hearing was adjourned till March 13, at 2.30 p.m.

### Kai Tak To Be Given Once-Over

A party of technical representatives of the Ministry of Civil Aviation, Air Ministry and British Overseas Airways Corporation to examine aerodromes in the Far-East and make recommendations regarding their development are due in Hong Kong on Tuesday and will leave for Shanghai on 17 March.

The following officials are expected:— Mr. G. Warcup, Ministry of Civil Aviation, A(C) Division, (leader of party), Mr. Murray, Ministry of Civil Aviation, A(C) Division, Mr. H. R. Barrister, Ministry of Civil Aviation, Directorate General of Technical Services, Mr. M. Bradbury, Ministry of Civil Aviation, Meteorological Division, Miss M. Ritchie, Ministry of Civil Aviation, Secretary, Mr. W. J. Cosens, Air Ministry, Directorate of Works, Mr. R. C. Lawes, British Overseas Airways Corporation, Mr. E. R. Morgan, British Overseas Airways Corporation, Mr. A. D. Bennett, British Overseas Airways Corporation, (Area Manager, Far-East), Mr. Fricker, Qantas Empire Airways, Mr. Stone, Qantas Empire Airways.

The case was heard by a court comprising Lieut.-Col. R. C. Laming, President, Major J. T. Lorranger and Capt. J. E. Gamble. Major R. C. Lai conducted the case for the prosecution, while accused were defended by Mr. Yamana Toshio, with Capt. P. E. Kostloff as Advisory officer to the defence.

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### Married Woman Committed

Wan Kwok-ying, 25, married woman, was yesterday committed by Mr. Blair-Kerr to stand trial at the March Sessions on the charges of demanding money with menaces from Lo Chi-ching and Lo Li-ting, ten house owners, on Jan. 21, Jan. 15 and Jan. 30.

Evidence was given by Mr. Sato Fook, interpreter, attached to the Yumaitai CID, that when charged accused replied, "It had nothing to do with me. People instructed me to do it. It was not a job of my own hand." In answer to the second count of demanding \$1,000 on Jan. 15, defendant was alleged to have declared: "People asked me to carry it (the letter). The matter had nothing to do with me. My child is very small. I have always been in legitimate business."

When charged with attempting to extort \$50 from the Lo brothers on Jan. 30, accused stated: "He asked me to carry it and I did not know its contents."

Sub-Inspector C. Dowman of the Yumaitai CID prosecuted.

### POLICE RESERVE ORDERS

All ranks of Nos. 1 and 2 Companies will attend MURRAY PARADE GROUND on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 10th, 12th, and 14th March, 1947, at 7.30 hours for Drill, Parade, Dress-Uniform, etc. T.O. 100.

The Hon. Dr. Castro de Fonseca, who is very popular both in local circles and in Hong Kong, has been widely congratulated upon his success. Our Own Correspondent.

### Shibata Found Not Guilty

Captain Shibata Shigeo, officer commanding the Eastern Kempetai Headquarters at Happy Valley from October, 1943, to April, 1945, was found not guilty by No. 5 War Crimes Court yesterday of being concerned in the ill-treatment of local civilians detained there during the occupation.

One of Shibata's subordinates, Sgt-Major Oba Takao was found guilty of the charge, except for the clause that the ill-treatment had caused the death of some prisoners, and was sentenced to three years in prison.

A plea in mitigation of sentence was entered by Oba's defence counsel, Mr. Yamana Toshio, that he was only a lower-ranking official subject to the orders of his superiors and that he had been concerned in a meritorious deed in May, 1945, when he had endangered his own life in the rescue of 38 persons following the bombing of the "Helkai Maru."

It was revealed that Oba, in civilian life, had been a clerk in a farmers' association in Japan. He is 30 years of age and joined the Japanese Army in January, 1939, being posted as a superior private in the Gendarmarie in Canton in April, 1940.

Giving evidence in his own defence earlier in the trial, Shibata pleaded that his job as commanding officer of the Eastern Kempetai Headquarters included the supervision of a number of sub-stations and posts, permitting him little time at Headquarters. He claimed he had forbidden ill-treatment of prisoners and had punished three of his subordinates for intimidating or beating prisoners, two of them being tried for the offence and sentenced to imprisonment by court-martial.

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### NEWS FROM MACAO

Macao, Mar. 7. Captain Alvaro Marques de Andrade Salgado, Commissioner of Police, in a press conference revealed today that the party he led to Canton to negotiate with the Kwangtung authorities for an allocation of rice from Chungshan to alleviate the shortage in Macao met with full success.

Pending instructions from Nanking, a fixed monthly quota will be directed to the local market.

Interrupted since the end of hostilities, wireless communication with Canton will be resumed within a few days as a result of talks by Mr. Martins, Macao Post-Master General, with the Canton authorities.

Two of three gangsters arrested in connection with night hold-ups are reported have escaped from their cell at Police Headquarters through hole they made in the wall.

Dr. Cassiano de Castro Fonseca has been appointed to be an unofficial Member of the Legislative Council of Macao, elected by suffrage of the forty major tax-payers of Macao.

The Hon. Dr. Castro de Fonseca, who is very popular both in local circles and in Hong Kong, has been widely congratulated upon his success. Our Own Correspondent.

Several days' reward was granted by Mr. H. G. Stedman, C.O. of Central Police, who was arrested on March 7th, 1947, for the offence of carrying a concealed weapon.

## THE GLOUCESTER HOTEL

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## Movie Stars In Court

Two Chinese movie stars, Yu Ling and Chan Lam who, together with six other actors and an actress who failed to appear when their names were called; sought to kill time in between calls by indulging in a game of poker at No. 40 Queen's Road Central, 2nd floor, and found themselves the centre of attraction at a real life-Court scene before Mr. F.X. d'Almada at Central yesterday. Like practically all screen scenes, however, the case ended happily, with the Poor Box benefitting to the extent of \$565 and the two defendants being thanked by the Magistrate for their donation.

Yu was charged with keeping Queen's Road Central, 2nd floor of No. 40 Queen's Road Central and with being in possession of an opium pipe. He denied the first charge, but admitted the second.

Chan pleaded guilty to a charge of gambling. After evidence of the raid had been given by Chinese Detective Ip Ting, Mr. d'Almada dismissed the first charge against Yu, but fined him \$10 on the second and made an order for confiscation of the opium pipe. The charge against Chan Lam was dismissed.

When the question as to disposal of the \$565 table money seized at the time of the raid came up, Mr. d'Almada enquired of the defendants whether they would have any objection to the money being placed in the Poor Box. Defendants replied in the negative, whereupon they were thanked by Mr. d'Almada.

The other defendants, Chan Sik, Cheung Ki, Fung Tak Sang, Ching Shu Ki, Tseng Piu, Ho Yau and Wong Chun, who failed to appear had their respective bail of \$500 estreated.

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(By Margaret Bradbury)  
Hong Kong's ingenious "human" machine, the only one of its kind in the Far East, has now completed its first big job of work. Shipped out from England last September by Government with a view to relieving the staff position in various departments the "Hollerith"—a 15-part all-electrical British invention—has been used in the first big application of machinery to do office work in the Colony.

Installed in two rooms in the Fire Brigade Building it has dealt with the total trade facts and figures of the Export and Import Department for the last month, eliminating the sorting of declarations by hand and all figure work which would ordinarily have been done by office workers.

An official of the department told me yesterday: "When the machine is fully operated by a trained staff it should mean a considerable reduction of personnel. Although at the moment its activities are confined to this department it will ultimately be used by others. Quite probably the 'Hollerith' will be applied in dealing with the impending income tax statistics of the Colony."

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Included in the work which the machine has done in the Export and Import department is code but numbers on small cards various descriptions of goods, their origin, value and manner of arriving in the Colony as well as sort them into sections dealing with live animals, oils and fats or other groups.

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## OPIUM HAUL IN PALESTINE

Jerusalem, Mar. 6.

British troops seized an estimated \$100,000 worth of opium and hashish today near Gaza in south Palestine, dealing a crippling blow to what was believed to be one of the biggest narcotic smuggling rings in the Middle East.

Reports said the drugs were discovered in wooden crates in an Army Civil Services entertainment truck near the Egyptian frontier while the soldiers were looking for illegal weapons being smuggled across the border to the Najada and Futurwa Arab Army organisations—United Press.

For occupying a seat at the Sun Wah Theatre, Argyle Street, without payment at 9.40 p.m. on Thursday, Wong Che-mun, 32, boiler-maker, was fined \$25 by Mr. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday.

## Hong Kong Stock Exchange

With the object of placing all share-brokers under one central control, the amalgamation of the Hong Kong Share-brokers Association with the Hong Kong Stock Exchange came into effect on March 1.

Thirty members of each of the old Exchanges are members of the new body known as the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, Ltd.

Provision has been made for 13 new seats if and when required.

At present there are about 50 active members.

Officers of the new Exchange are: N. V. A. Croucher (Chairman), G. A. Harriman (Vice-Chairman), P. M. N. da Silva, Ezra Abraham, A. H. Potts, Chon Po Min, J. F. Grose, R. A. Dastur, So Pui Chen, C. A. L. Rickett, and J. Hennessey Seth (Secretary).

## Money Market

Piastres, after the flurry of the past two days, made an about-turn yesterday and descended to \$10.90 per 100 after opening at \$11.55.

Gold on the other hand advanced, and closed at \$280 a tola, after opening at \$276.75. It had touched \$281.50 in the course of the day.

Chinese National Currency was more or less unchanged at 36½ cents for futures and 47½ cents for spot (for CN\$1,000).

U.S. dollars received to \$4.77, while Sterling and Australian pounds were unchanged at \$14.30 and \$12.52 respectively.

### ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

Penninsula Hotel arrivals:—H. K. Chen, S.Y. Chow, T.M. Chow, P.C. Yang, P.R. Lessells.

Penninsula Hotel departures:—T.O. Orman, H.J. Widdows, R.R. Burton.

Pleading guilty to a charge of keeping an opium dvan at No. 19 New Street, So Han was yesterday fined \$750 or three months when he appeared before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central. Nine other Chinese who were found smoking opium on the premises were each fined \$20. Inspector Manson was in charge of the prosecution.

On the application of Inspector T. Collins an order for the confiscation of 100 rounds of .32 automatic pistol ammunition and 350 rounds of .38 automatic pistol ammunition found by Chinese Maritime Customs officers at the Kowloon-Canton Railway Station at 9.30 a.m. on Feb. 23, and handed over to the Hong Kong Police, was made by Mr. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday.

Rotarian George Lin of Hong Kong. The conference then adjourned to this afternoon for the discussion of the main business items of the agenda.

## Alleged Armed Gang For Trial

Three alleged members of an armed gang of robbers, to whom, it was alleged, even a 10-cent note and a pair of old shoes were not too insignificant to ignore, were committed for trial at this month's Sessions by Mr. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday on charges of armed robbery, attempted armed robbery, and unlawful possession of arms and ammunition.

Lai Ki, 48, and Chung Leung, 20, were charged with Lai Shu, 29, and others not in custody with attempted armed robbery at 108 Reclamation Street on Feb. 16; unlawful possession of arms and ammunition on that date; and armed robbery at 191A Reclamation Street, second floor, on Feb. 13. Lai Shu was additionally charged with armed robbery at 297 Reclamation Street, ground floor, on Feb. 6.

Detective-sergeant Man Ho stated, in evidence, that at about 5.45 p.m. on Feb. 16 he went to 108 Reclamation Street, first floor, to consult Doctor Mok Fong-yin. While he was in a cubicle with the doctor, said witness, he heard "some one knocking at the door and asking for the doctor."

On their being admitted, the doctor, who was a double cripple, was carried out to the "teng" (sitting room) by two inmates of the flat. The next thing he heard, continued witness, was some one saying "Sit down, Don't move," and one of the inmates replying, "Don't strike."

Suspecting something to be very much wrong, went on Man Ho, he left the cubicle and walked along the passage-way leading to the "teng," at the same time drawing his revolver. Out in the living-room he saw three men, the accused, facing the inmates of the flat.

The first defendant had his revolver pointing at the people, said witness. "Stick 'em up." After pushing the main door to, and after leaning against it to prevent a surprise attack from the rear, witness declared, he called out to the intruders to "Stick 'em up." On their turning to face him, said Man, one of the inmates, Mok Lam, caught hold of Lai Ki while Leung Ho, the man, Leung Ho also picked up an other revolver from the floor near where the second and third accused were standing.

On being cautioned, first accused stated that "Because of poverty, I now committed this offence." Second defendant said, "At home I have a mother, wife and children. I am alone. Very poor and so did this thing." When searched at the Station, second accused had four pawn tickets and a prescription given by Dr. Mok Chung had a coil of wire on him, said witness.

Cheng Hau-man, married woman, testified that at about 5.20 p.m. on Feb. 13, three strange Chinese males entered the flat and after holding the inmates up at the point of a revolver, searched the flat and decamped with various articles. Witness herself only lost one 10-cent note.

A tailor, Lam Hui, 28, and a painter, Lo Wal, 47, were among the witnesses who gave evidence to the effect that at about 4.40 a.m. on Feb. 6, five men, two armed with revolvers and choppers, entered the pro-

## N.Y. Stock Exchange

New York, Mar. 7. Stocks enjoyed a fast breaking rally on Thursday after the Supreme Court decision against John L. Lewis and the American Federation of Labour Miners' Union. Most advances running to three points were recorded at the close as dealers allowed. More than 1,000,000 shares were traded. Wall Street was disappointed at the failure of the market to rebound more heartily to the decline. The public did not participate in the rally. The Dow Jones Average: Stocks 63.71, Industrials 181.85, 15 Bails 51.50, 70 Utilities 56.85.

Closing quotations:—Adams Express 10, Alaska Petroleum 3½, American Can 9½, American Smelting 59, American Telephone 16½, American Tobacco 7½, American Waterworks 17½, Anaconda Copper 41½, Aviation Corporation 5½, Baldwin Locomotive 22½, Barnard 22½, Bendix Aviation 37½, Bethlehem Steel 44, Boeing Aircraft 22½, Borden Co. 44½, Canadian Pacific 35½, J.I. Case 37½, Chrysler 102½, Colgate 50½, Commercial Solvents 25½, Corn Products 22, Eastman Kodak 24½, Electric Light & Power 18½, General Electric 38, General Motors 27½, Goodyear 28½, Hamilton 51½, National Oil 22½, Homestake Mining 12½, International Harvester 83½, International Paper 49, International Tel. & Tel. 18½, Johns Manville 13½, Kennecott Copper 48, Montgomery Ward 51½, National Oil 22½, Phillips 21, National Lead 31½, New York Central 20½, Packard Motors 7, Pan American Airways 13½, Pennsylvania 112 23½, Radio Corporation 49½, Raytheon 24½, Sears Roebuck 37½, Shell Oil 28, Sweeney Vacuum 14, Southern Pacific 43½, Standard Brands 16, Standard Oil of California 54, Standard Oil of N.Y. 60½, Studebaker 23½, Union Bag 22½, Union Carbide 100½, U.S. Rubber 57½, U.S. Steel 76½, Westinghouse 24½, Youngman Sheet & Tube 48—Associated Press.

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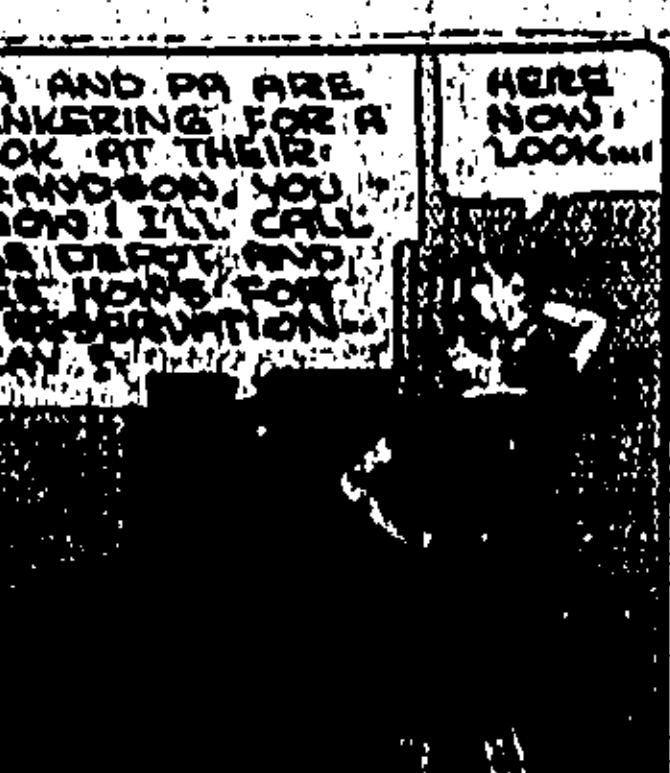
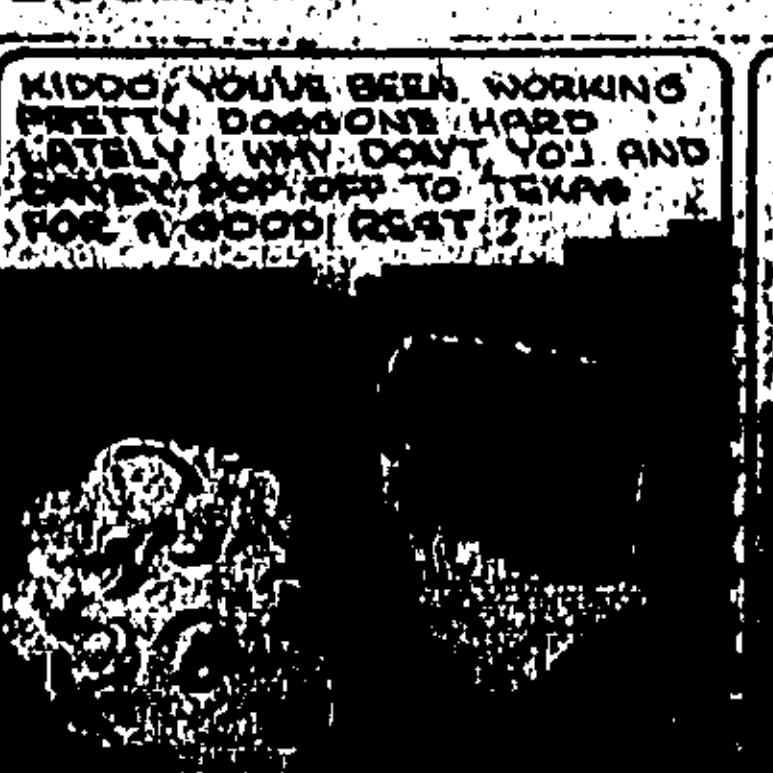
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The Treasurer's Comptroller Office will close at 11 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 11.45 a.m. Both Offices at 1st Floor, Exchange Building.

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# INDIA PLAN APPROVED Commons Defeat Tory Amendment

## Attlee Justifies Withdrawal

### War Out Of The Question

London, Mar. 6.  
War between Britain and the United States or the Soviet Union is equally inconceivable, Mr. Attlee reaffirmed in reply to a question in the House of Commons today.

He replied "Yes" to the following question asked by Mr. K. Zilliacus, a Labour critic of the Government's foreign policy:—

"Whether in view of the impending Moscow conference the Prime Minister will reaffirm the declaration of the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to this House on February 21 to the effect that war between this country and the United States or the USSR is equally inconceivable, that no such possibility ever enters the minds of the Government or any other party and that in considering all the organisations or states there can be no policy or anything else which would lead to a conflict with either of these great Allies?"

Zilliacus then asked: "Why is it if we do not have to reckon with the possibility of war against either Russia or America, we are still keeping our forces three times their pre-war level and far beyond our economic capacity to bear?"

Mr. Attlee said that question might be put to any state which has armed forces.—Reuter.

### British Help In Greece

London, Mar. 6.  
Foreign Office sources today said Britain had so far given Greece assistance to the value of some £10,000,000.

This assistance consisted of £11,000,000 for the initial equipment of Greek forces. In addition, some £18,000,000 had been granted toward the maintenance of Greek armed forces.

Prior to this a £10,000,000 interest free loan had been granted to Greece last year for the purpose of stabilisation of Greek currency and her economy in general. Moreover, war-time loans amounting to some £10,000,000 have been waived, these sources added.—United Press.

The Commons tonight approved Government's decision to withdraw from India by June, 1948. The Government motion to approve the decision was carried after the Commons rejected 337-185 the Opposition amendment charging that fixing of an arbitrary date for withdrawal prejudiced any real settlement of the Indian problem.

Mr. Winston Churchill earlier had led the Opposition's attack on Government's policy, contending that the Labour Government policy had "extinguished the last chance of settlement in India." He suggested that the Indian question be referred, as was Palestine, to the United Nations.

Mr. Churchill declared that Mr. Attlee's Government had no right to claim the Opposition's support beyond the limits of his own Government's declaration on India in 1942.

The wartime leader started his speech in deliberate, measured tones, which became more vigorous as he accused the Labour Government of breaking away from the original agreement with Indian political parties. Mr. Churchill charged that it was a cardinal mistake to entrust the Government of India to Pandit Nehru, who was a caste Hindu.

"Disaster"  
"The Government of Mr. Nehru has been a complete disaster," he thundered, with a typical Churchillian glare around the hushed House.

He said the Conservative Party would decline all responsibility for the consequences of the Labour Government's action, which would "lead to the coming years." Mr. Churchill said he was convinced the Labour Government's action had "extinguished the last chance of settlement in India" and said the British Government was planning to hand over power to the Indian Government in a few years, when within a few years no trace would remain.

### "Bottles Of Medicine"

He likened the situation in India with that in Palestine and, gratingly added, "two bottles of strong medicine are being prepared, but in both cases are being handed to the wrong patients." The Defence Minister, Mr. A. V. Alexander, replied to Mr. Churchill for the Government and said: "It may well be that history will decide Mr. Churchill's speech has been the principal factor in preventing the Indian parties from coming together." The opening was met with protests from the Opposition benches with cries of "That is your alibi!" Mr. Alexander deplored Mr. Churchill's "attack" on Pandit Nehru and Mr. Churchill intervened heatedly: "It meant nothing about Mr. Nehru except that he had very good reason to be a bitter enemy of Britain."

### Behind The Times

The Prime Minister, Mr. Attlee, winding up for the Government, said Mr. Churchill was 50 years behind the times on India. As for fixing June, 1948 as the date for the British withdrawal, he said: "I agree it is a short time,

### JUNKERS—FLEE—SOVIET ZONE

Berlin, Mar. 6.  
The Russian-licensed newspaper "Neues Deutschland" (New Germany) publishes what it says is a list of Prussian Junkers and nobility who have fled from the Soviet Occupation Zone and obtained positions of importance in the American and British zones of Germany. (Enables the "Chicago Tribune" correspondent) gives the following names:— Frau von Rundstedt, wife of the former German Marshal; Count von Arnim; former Army General Beringford; Count Balck; Goetz; Herr von Huchenschulz; and Peter von Strakendorf.—Reuter.

but the Government was given very strong advice from India that it was essential to fix a date.

"In essence, the Opposition amendment is a plea for delay, for inaction, or having greater time waiting for the Indian parties' coming together. We have been warned that the dangers of delay—of hanging on—are as great as the dangers of going forward."

"It is not an easy time in India; it is a volcano of hidden fires."

Mr. Attlee said he knew Mr. Churchill felt deeply on these matters and that he did not believe in Indian self-Government.

"I think he is forcing himself to realize that steps over many years cannot be entirely retraced," said Mr. Attlee, "but he still thinks these steps were not traced and he will not face the logic of the situation."—United Press.

## "Let Us Not Add The Taint And Smear Of Shame"

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prospect of even getting through the business agenda, which has to be settled.

"That is the only explanation of its complete abolition or one of Gandhi's most scatter-brained observations made on May 24, 1942, after the mission."

Mr. Churchill then quoted the observation beginning "Leaving India in God's hands, or in modern parlance, leave her to anarchy."

### Medicine

This statement was indistinguishable from the policy of the British Government, said the Opposition Leader. He compared with complete bewilderment the difference in the attitude of the Government of India and to Palestine. There was taken, he said, "but they have been sent to the wrong patients (laughter and Opposition cheers). The policy for those two places taken, either is incomprehensible. I cannot see how that can have originated in any coherent human brain, or even in the minds of the Cabinet, which no doubt has many incoherences in it. Can the House believe that there are three or four times as many troops in Palestine as there are in all-mighty India—British troops? What is the point and sense of this distribution of our forces, which you tell us are so limited."

"I do not know what element of obstinacy has forced this peculiar assertion in the midst of the general sense of public opinion, an assertion of will power in Palestine. I do not know where it comes from unless some powerful Minister has said that he must have his way and no one has dared to withstand him. I do not know, but I have my surmise."

"A similar and indeed effort in India would have enabled the plan of Sir Stafford Cripps' Mission to be carried out, fully discussed with cool deliberation and firmness, and we should have kept our pledges and have moved steadily forward from this crisis. It is, indeed, a paradox that the opposite course should be taken. Here in India, where such consequences are at stake, we also told that we must be off in four months, whereas in this small Palestine, which we were first concerned with only 25 years ago and which we have now abandoned, we are to pour out all our treasure and keep 100,000 men marching around in the most vexation and painful circumstances when we have no real interest in the matter."

### Comparisons

Mr. Churchill, continuing, said that he had given the reasons why the Conservative Opposition thought it necessary to dissociate itself from the further progress of government "on the road to ruin. They had not taken that decision without a great deal of heart-searching and consideration. Continuing, the Opposition Leader said that he had intended asking the House to consider the note which Mr. Zilliacus had struck about bringing the United Nations into the Indian problem. He had for some time pressed the Government if they were unable to maintain order in Palestine to return their mandate to the United Nations or to ask the aid in that work."

After six or seven months of needless delay they had actually done that. It was difficult to recall the feelings that the same trend of reasoning applied on a far wider scale and with much more serious consequences. He said that he had been told that the Government had decided to leave Palestine to the United Nations and that the Government had decided to leave Palestine to the United Nations and that the Government had decided to leave Palestine to the United Nations.

### Hopes Vanished?

"Granted that the position to which you have carried affairs by your action—that you cannot through weakness and moral frustration fulfil your pledges to the members of the community vast and helpless by scores of millions—does you not in point of honour and decency and indeed, common sense, called upon to seek the aid of wider instruments and authorities if all practical hope of British discharging her task have vanished?"

"It is not my view that they have, but this is the prevailing mood of those who are all powerful, brought into being by the agencies of two devastating wars, which should not be overlooked."

Mr. Zilliacus spoke of the precedent of the multiple national membership of the Soviet Union and spoke of its affecting their safeguards to minorities, which we are assured by the Government that Britain has lost strength and will power to provide; he spoke of the right of minorities to appear before the permanent Court of International Justice.

"I do not think that such aspects should be overlooked in this period of British depression and eclipse."

In concluding Mr. Churchill said: "I have spoken with a lifetime of thought and contact with these topics."

"It is with deep grief that I watch the shattering down of the British Empire with all its glories and all the services it had rendered to mankind. I am sure that in the hour of our victory, not so long ago we had the power to make a solution of our difficulties which would have been honourable and lasting."

Many have defended Britain against her enemies, but none can defend her against herself. We must face the evils coming upon us that we are powerless to avert. We should do our best in all these circumstances and exclude no expedient that may help to mitigate the ruin and disaster which will follow the disintegration of the British Empire."



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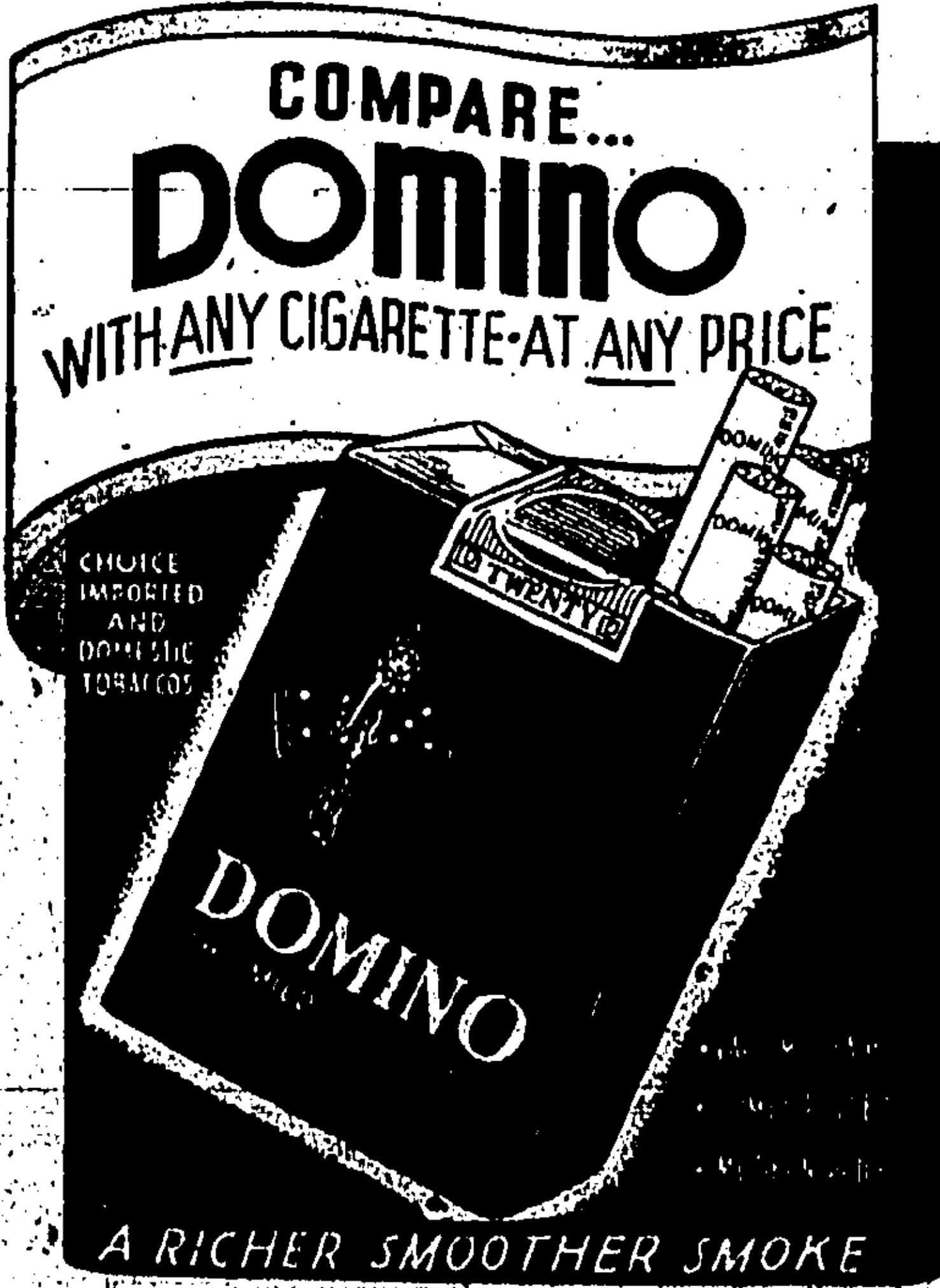
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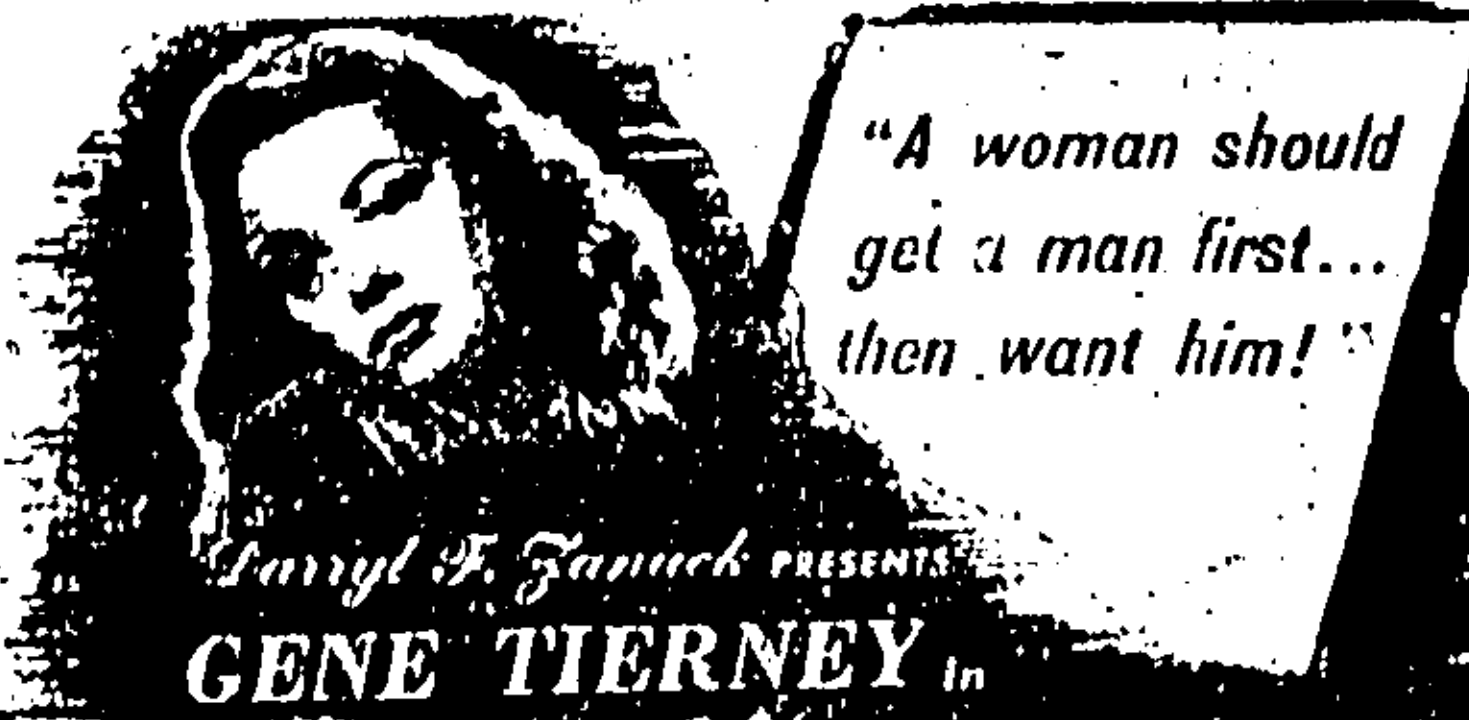


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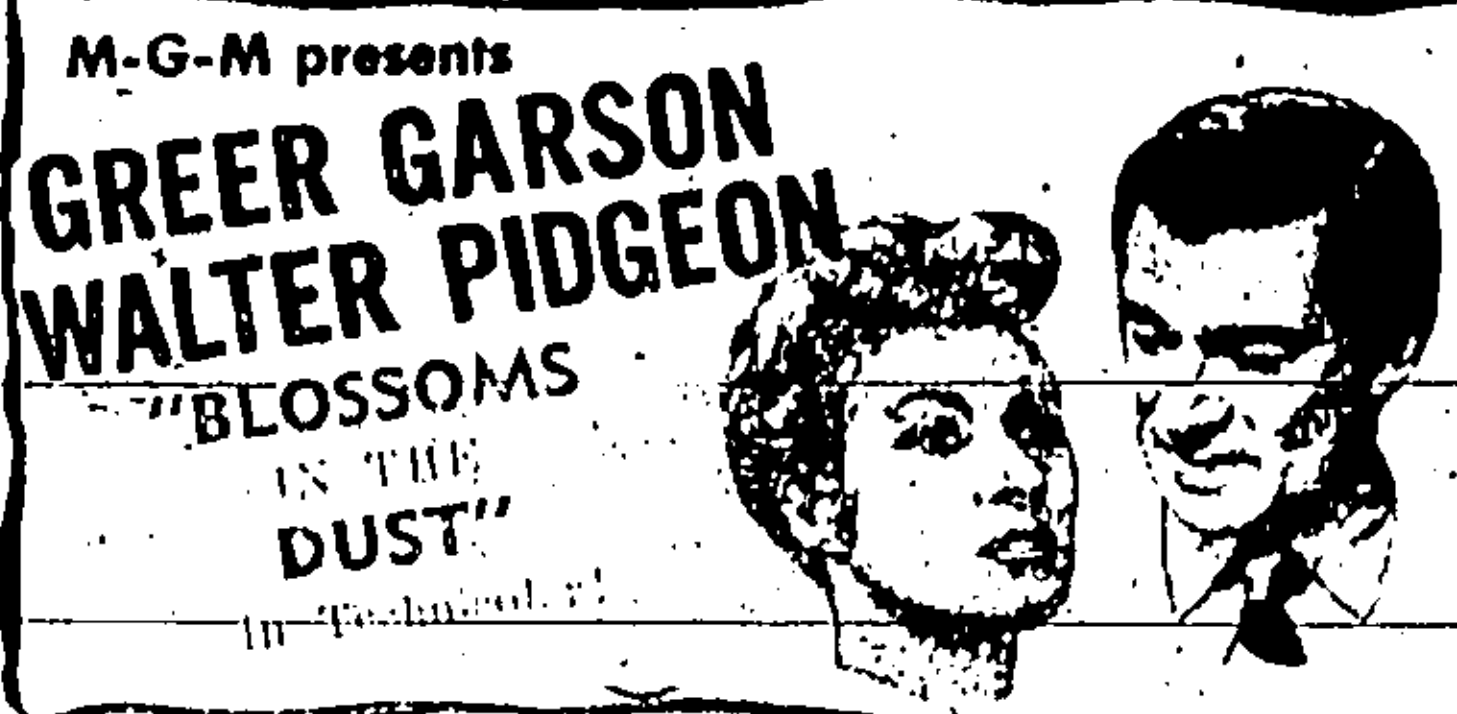
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Haytor Preston, Associated Editor of "Cavalcade", an independent weekly, in a signed article described as "Ignorant and irresponsible" the authors of what he called "the American passing of the sceptre rubbish."

Britain threw away the sceptre, wrote Preston, "when the Americans became a nation. Since then by far the greater part of the Empire has been advanced into self-determination and independence."

"The British Commonwealth is now largely a free group at various levels of political development but free of coercion than, say, the 48 states of the American union."

Preston added, "We have

bad, and still have, good friends in the United States who are under no political or financial compulsion to write for newspapers and magazines which cater for slackmouthed hillbillies." He cited specifically George Santayana, the American philosopher.

"The British people," Preston added, "went through a much worse time after the Napoleonic wars than they are going through today."

"We are in a bad way economically and politically. There is nothing final about that."

"We are not at the end of British Power. That is an American newspaperman's dream of a scoop only to be surpassed by an exposure of the deficiencies of a local bank manager."

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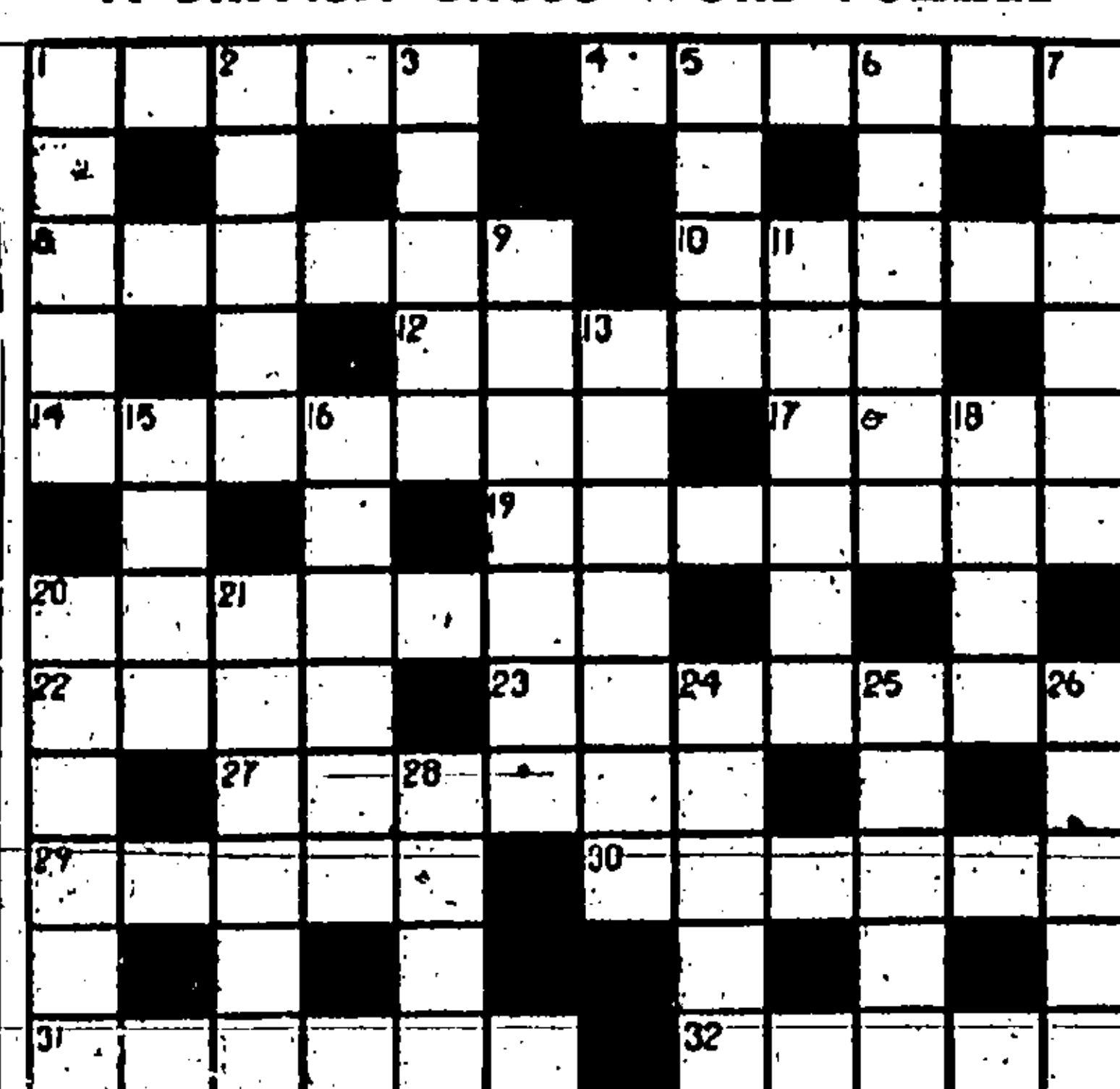
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- Diverts.
- Little-tattle.
- Scent.
- Kill.
- Earnest.
- Fewer.
- Deceives.
- Having made 32.
- Lozenges.
- Will.
- Prepare for press.
- Enraged.
- Base of a column.
- Longed for.
- Seber.
- Offer.
- Lozenges.

**Clues Down**

- Symbol.
- Fore-rising.
- Dir.
- Disposition.
- Scattered.
- Strain.
- Strick.
- Flood.
- Stickers.
- Frozen.
- Kine.
- Withered.
- Tube for drawing off liquid.
- Fearsome creature.
- Insurgent.
- Lees.
- Lazy.

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ACROSS:—3. Approves; 8. Hoax; 9. Comatose; 11. Corporal; 13. Cast; 15. Eccentric; 16. Licensed; 19. Army; 21. Children; 25. Singlets; 26. Kind; 27. Phantoms.

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